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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ALCOA ALUMINUM PROJECT

1. PRESIDENT ODUBER, IN A SPEECH NOVEMBER 20 IN THE TOWN OF SAN ISIDRO IN SOUTHERN COSTA RICA, SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON PROCEED TO "REFORM" ITS CONTRACT WITH ALCOA. PRESUMABLY, HE WAS REFERRING TO THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAM AT BORUCA AND AN ALUMINUM REDUCTION PLANT. ODUBER TOLD THE PEOPLE OF SAN ISIDRO THAT HE WANTS THE PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF COSTA RICA AND NOT FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF FOREIGNERS.

2. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM THE LOCAL ALCOA REPRESENTATIVE THAT A DECISION ON THE ALUMINUM PROJECT IS NOT

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SENTATIVE THAT A DECISION ON THE ALUMINUM PROJECT IS NOT

LIKELY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AS THE GOVERNMENT IS AWAITING
COMPLETION OF AN ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY BEING PREPARED
BY A NORWEGIAN CONSULTING FIRM, NORCONSULT. ALCOA
REMAINS INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT, BUT MANY DETAILS
REMAIN TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT. ALEX MURRAY,
THE HEAD OF THE ELECTRICITY CORPORATION, AFTER RECENTLY
VISITING ALCOA HEADQUARTERS WITH NORCONSULT REPRESENTATIVES,
EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE PROJECT AND WILL PRESUMABLY PUSH
IT WITHIN THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT.
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